

## Officials open bids for AFRL A-76 studies

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WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OHIO — Base officials recently announced tentative awards resulting from two A-76 cost-comparison studies. Support functions at Air Force Research Laboratory — including displays, technical library, technical editing, facilities management, research and development technical support, and the Human Effectiveness Directorate's logistics materials control activity — were tentatively awarded to Ad Tech Systems Research Inc., Beavercreek. Functions performed by Aeronautical Systems Center's 88<sup>th</sup> Communications Group were awarded to the government.

Bid openings are part of the A-76 process, which compares costs between the government organization currently providing the support and industrial firms that could provide the support on contract.

The government bid by AFRL's Wright Research Site was compared to the Ad Tech bid and to one submitted by Select Tech Services Corp., Centerville. The Wright Research Site study impacts 123 employee positions — one military and 122 civilian. The multi-function A-76 study began in August 1998.

The government offer for communications group function was compared to the lowest industry bid, submitted by Caelum Research Corp., Rockville, Md; which was teamed with Nichols Research, Huntsville, Ala.; Frontier Technology, Dayton; and Wright Technology, Dayton. Three other industry teams submitted bids: International Computer and Engineering Services Ltd., Beavercreek, which teamed with Sumaria, Nortel Networks, and Penny Ohlmann-Neiman Inc., all of Dayton; Select Tech Services, teamed with ACS Defense Inc. and MTL Systems Inc., both of Dayton; and Sophisticated Systems inc. teamed with Abacus Technologies, Gemini Industries and Ken Marr Industries, all from Dayton, Cincinnati Bell, and Litton PRC, McLean Va.

The 88<sup>th</sup> Communication Group study impacts 312 employee positions — 107 military and 205 civilian. It also includes the work of 108,014 contracted hours the government is currently buying. Functions included in the study were computer systems and networks, video teleconferencing systems, information management services, communication center services, and multimedia and visual services. The Aeronautical Systems Center also began this multi-function A-76 study in August 1998.

Final determination, which was made after a public review period for these studies ended December 20, will be announced after the start of the new year. Any appeals will be addressed after that date.

Cost comparison studies consist of three basic elements: development of the performance work statement; the management study — which results in the most efficient organization; and submission and comparison of formal bids or cost proposals. Cost proposals are submitted by both the government organization currently performing the work and private industry. @